Yes Sir. However, the killed Additional Superintendent of Police in the Narayanpur incident was a State Police Service Officer.

The Central Government has set up a Coordination Centre, headed by the Union Home Secretary with Chief Secretaries and Directors General of Police of the States seriously affected by left wing extremism, as its members, to review and coordinate the steps taken by these States to check extremist activities, monitor the plan of action in respect of each State and to make recommendations both on development and security aspects of the problem.

The Coordination Centre has been meeting periodically. Several important decisions such as providing financial support from the Centre for combating left wing extremist activities, construction/improvement of identified critical roads, preparation of plans for development of affected areas to tackle the problem in a holistic manner, sharing of intelligence inputs on constant basis, providing help of para-military forces on need basis etc. have also been taken and effectively foUowed-up.

The affected States are also being given financial assistance under the Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces and 50% of the expenditure incurred by the States in combating left wing extremist activities, is also being reimbursed to the States under the Scheme for reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure.

Encounter Death in U.P.

2786. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH ; Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item captioned "College girl dies in U.P. encounter" appeared in The Indian Express dated 16th January, 2000 due to mistaken indentity by policemen;

(b)whether such incidents of mistaken identity had happened in the past by the policemen all over the country,

(c) whether the Central Government would draw a detailed code for adherence by the policemen onduty before resorting to fire so as to avoid the cases of mistaken identity,

(d) if so, by when; and

(e)if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(a) 'Public Order' and Police' being State subjects, such information is not maintained at Central level.

(b)to (e) The Central Government has been issuing guidelines to the State Governments, from time to time, to the effect that their police personnel should conduct themselves in a humane manner and that cases of police excesses should be taken serious note of and dealt with promptly and firmly.

Crime Against Women in Delhi

2787. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH ; Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased tc state;

(a) whether Governihent are aware of news-item titled "Crime against women cell can only assist those who come out and seek justice" appearing in Indian Express, dated 19-01-2000 reporting therein that Delhi is regarded as the most unsafe of all metros for women as admitted by police authorities;

(b)whether it is a fact that in a recent judgement of Matto's case, the guilty could not be punished for want of evidence;

(c) if so, the action taken to revive the Matto's case; and

(d) the steps taken to check crime against women especially in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. 'VIDYASAGARRAO): (a) Yes, Sir. The reported news-item carried an interview given by an officer of Delhi Police associated with Crime against Women Cell. The thrust of the inter view was to encourage the women to come forward and lodge their report with the police. The contention of the writer of the said news-item about Delhi being most unsafe place for women, is not based on facts and figures of the crime against women.

(b) and (c) The Central Qureau of Investigation has filed an appeal in the Delhi High Court against the judgement dated 3-12-1999 passed by the Additional Sessions Judge, Delhi acquitting the accused after giving him benefit of doubt.